

Fireweed Academy
'Where students learn to view themselves as readers, writers, and problem solvers'
Academic Policy Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes
February 8, 2016

APC Members Present: Jon Kulhanek, Brandy McGee, Crisi Mathews, Kary Brinson, Amber Niebuhr Hannah Snow

Members absent: Garry Betley, Kate Henry, Hannah Gustafson Kiki Abrahamson is out of town due to a family emergency

Committee Members Present: none

Staff Present: Janet Bowen, Kim Fine, FWA teacher

Community Members Present: none

Public Comments: none

Meeting called to order at 4:30pm

Motion: Amber moved to approve the amended agenda (removing Admin report, Budget Committee report FY17 staffing and Admin Job Description), Jon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Crisi moved to approve the Jan 2016 minutes, seconded by Amber and the motion passed unanimously.

Strategic planning reports:

Public Relations- The committee is working on a movie night at the Homer Theater, to be sponsored by FWA and open to the public. We would show Jon's Life Cycle of the Sockeye Salmon film ahead of the scheduled film. Janet will check with the district to see if we can show a PG movie.

The Homer Tribune will be at Little Fireweed to interview kids about what we are doing. They were to come to Big Fireweed as well during Kiki's after school stem program but this will be rescheduled since Kiki is out of town

The PR committee would like to see the May Day celebration happen again, Jon thought that would work. Perhaps marimbas would play again-Janet will check. And Ukulele band, cake auction, etc.

Organizational Values- No report

One Campus Dream- Amber requested the budget committee to come up with a clear financial document.

Strong leadership: Amber reported 4 options, saying we had time to let staffing and budget fall into place. And Kiki will be around to assist. Also it was clarified that Kiki could mentor Jon regardless of her affiliation with KPBSD

- Hire a principal/teacher and let Kiki do staff evaluations. We would have to post this position.
- Kiki would take a .49 contract. We would not have to post this position, it is a change to her contract
- Contract with Kiki by the hour/day for specific services.
- A teacher would be given a stipend to do admin duties and contract for evaluations.

On the Bus: This committee has met and changes are being made. 2 staff meetings/month will include the entire staff. They are halfway done with prioritizing action items. And in-services have been focused on collaboration.

Enrollment report: February is open enrollment month. Janet reported that the current enrollment for FY17 is 86, this number changes daily. Ads have been placed in both newspapers, community announcements placed with KBBI, posters hung in town, out east end road and in Anchor Point. Info packets have been giving to Small Pond and HeadStart, a set has been set aside for Jeanes Learning yurt and more packets are going to daycare centers later this week. Friendly visitations are scheduled for the weeks of Feb 15 (for little Fireweed) and 22 (for Big Fireweed).

Motion: at 4:59pm, Amber moved adjourn, Jon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Note change: The next APC meeting is Monday March 7, 2016, one week earlier due to spring break.

Submitted by Janet Bowen